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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARKS OFFICE

In Re the Application of :	Serial No.:	09 / 807,968
	Applicant:	Gullickson et al.
	Title:	Drive Shaft Coupling Device
	Filed:	July 10, 2001
	Group Unit:	3679
	Examiner:	Gregory John Binda
	My Docket:	115.9

The Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. U.S.A. 20231

Sir :

RESPONSE

This is in response to the Examiner's Action dated September 10, 2002, a reply to which was originally due by December 10, 2002. This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a three month extension such that the response may be timely filed by March 10, 2003.

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph from page 6, line 13 to page 7, line 9, with the following clean version of the paragraph:

A. *Sub B.* An important aspect of the invention are the shear bolts 50. Each shear bolt 50 fits through the respective slots 46 and 48 of both flanges 42 and 44 concurrently, with the shoulders 52 of the bolt 50 contacting the inside of the flanges 42 and 44. Referring in particular to figures 2 to 2e, each bolt 50 has two opposed flat sides 54 which are a suitable distance apart to form a close clearance fit inside the slots 46 and 48 to allow easy installation and/or replacement and to prevent the shear bolt 50 from rotating within